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A job well done



Back from the brink

Photo by Sean Kingston

The Lady Lakers traveled to Tennessee in March to compete in the NAIA National Tournament. From left to right: (back row) Tabitha Beaumont, Jamie Muskin, Tanya Popiela, Natalie Shadowen, Juliann Luketic and Tina Mudy. (Front row) Angie Jez, Michelle Russell, Carrie Zapinski, Brea O'Connor, Amanda Stutler and Jennifer Medley.

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Donors give a gift of life

Class prepares students

Bone marrow drive
searches for
compatible donors.

BY DEDEE LUDWIG
Staff Writer

On Thursday, March 28th a bone marrow drive was held at Purdue University

Calumet. The drive took place in room C-104 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and it was spon-

sored by the Los Latinos.

The Central Indiana Regional Blood Center came during the day and represented the National Marrow Donor Program. During the course of eight hours over ninety people came and entered the Bone Marrow Registry.

Entering the registry is a very simple process, the only requirement is that the donor be 18 to 60 years of age. Once someone passes the initial requirement, the rest of the process is easy.

First, someone needs to enter the registry. Entering the registry consists of filling out a consent form. Once that step is complete, blood is drawn and classified according to tissue type. After that is complete, the only step that is left is to wait and see if the blood matches anyone else's.

The people that receive blood marrow are various cases, the most common being Leukemia

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BY DARCIE M. MARSHALL
Staff Writer

EDPS 103 has been offered on campus since 1994, yet many aren't familiar with this beneficial, introductory course. The class welcomes Purdue University Calumet students, and freshmen are encouraged to take it. EDPS 103 provides the student with skills needed to make it in the university system. Test taking strategies, time management, gender and race issues,

communication skills and general knowledge of the campus facilities are topics covered in the course.

Dena Deanovich, GERALYN Farely, and Jal Mistri are the instructors of this resourceful class. The professors say that there are many benefits to students taking this class.

"We teach them how to survive - how to make it college," said Jal Mistri, Assistant Vice

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Briefs

Performance about HIV/AIDS

The Awareness Players present: "HIV/AIDS: What Does It Mean To College Students?" Two performances that dispel myths surrounding HIV/AIDS are scheduled Tuesday, April 9 at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, contact Dianne Mitro at (219)989-2709.

Blood drive and health week

The PUC Wellness Council is offering a chance for organizations to co-sponsor and/or volunteer to help with the Blood Drive and Health Week April 8-14. Anyone interested in volunteering is given organization recognition. For further information, contact Dianne Mitro at (219) 989- 2709.

'Caring for Children in Dangerous Times'

The Early Childhood Development Program is sponsoring a brown bag forum in Alumni Hall on Saturday, April 13 at 1 p.m. Anne Parry, director of the Rainbow House Institute for Choosing Non-Violence, is scheduled to speak about "Caring for Children in Dangerous Times." This forum is part of PUC's 50th Anniversary Celebration. Admission and refreshments are free.

Cholesterol Free- is it healthy?

A four-part slide presentation is scheduled for April 1, 8, 15, and 22 to explain factors involving cholesterol. Bring your lunch and join host Christine Jensen in the Region Room from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The scheduled subjects for the rest of month are as follows: April 15: The Real Problem is Fat-And the Info is on the Label; April 22: Saturated, Monounsaturated, Polyunsaturated -Cracking the Code; April 29: The Good News!

PUC Alumni Association hosts trips

The Alumni Association will host a series of trips for interested participants. A round trip bus trip will be provided on the excursion. Tours are set and reservations are open to the general public and availability is on a first come first serve basis. The trips include a tour of Michigan and tours have been set. These tours include: Michigan's Old Fashioned Festivals Trip, the Frankenmuth Annual Bavarian Festival, and the Mackinac Island Festival is offering a series of outings for interested participants. Mackinac Island accommodations are available from 6/8/96 and 6/9/96. Guests will stay particular trip will stay at the Bavarian Inn. For more information, contact the Purdue Alumni Association of Calumet.

Ethnic studies & women's studies Faculty presentation

Tuesday, April 9, 1996

2:00 pm
C-321

"A Week in Brazil"

Professor Jane Campbell will discuss her recent week in Brazil as part of the launching of the first Afro-Brazilian issue of "Callaloo: A Journal of African American and African Arts and Letters." A brief slide show of Rio de Janeiro and Salvador, contemporary Brazilian music, and highlights of the trip will be presented.

Jane Campbell is a Professor of English. She received her Ph.D. from Northern Illinois University and is the author of Mythic Black Fiction: The Transformation of History," as well as numerous articles on African American literature.

Professor Campbell received Purdue Calumet's Outstanding Scholar Award in 1995.

Everyone is invited.

Graduates stories

University Relations plans to share interesting, upbeat stories with the news media about specific graduation candidates. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please email your recommendations of candidates to feature to me and include name(s) and a brief background about them. Full time, part time, traditional, non-traditional, academically-accomplished, one who has overcome adversity whatever. If you feel a student's background is noteworthy, please let us know. Thanks.

A Molecular metaphor for learning

Thursday, April 4 at 10 a.m. in C-321, Professor Penny Gilmer of Florida State University will discuss her theory that human cognition can be described by a molecular based model. Professor Gilmer earned her doctoral degree in bio-chemistry at University of California, Berkeley. She has served as CO-principal investigator in a National Science Foundation project to improve the quality of science education in elementary schools.

This program is co-sponsored by the Department of Chemistry and Physics, the Women's Studies Program, the 50th Anniversary Committee and the School of Liberal Arts.

Kneehigh naturalist- 'Frogs and toads'

Children between the ages of 3 and 6 are invited to Gibson Woods on Sunday, April 14 at 2 pm. for a fascinating look at frogs and toads. Activities will include a craft project, a close up look at live frogs and toads and a short walk to listen for their spring-time peeps, croaks, and trills. Each child will need to bring a 13 oz. coffee can or an oatmeal container for the craft project. If you would like more information please call 844-3188. Gibson Woods is located at 6201 Parrish Ave., Hammond.

News in Brief

23rd annual student awards banquet

Once again it is time to start wrapping up another school year. In doing so, each Department will pick an "Outstanding Senior", and each Student Organization will submit nominations and then vote for "Outstanding Student Leader" and "Most Active Student Organization." These awards, as well as the Who's Who Presentation and numerous individual student organization awards, will take place at our 23rd Annual Student Awards Banquet being held Friday, April 26th, at the Villa Cesare in Schererville, Indiana.

Tickets are set to go on sale at the Satellite Bursar's Office (K-104) beginning Wednesday, April 3rd, and ending Wednesday, April 17th. Ticket prices for students are: \$10.00 (with SSF card). others may purchase tickets for \$17.50. Please try to arrive early. A social time begins at 6:00 p.m. and seating for dinner is at 6:30 p.m. After the award presentations, the celebration continues with dancing until midnight. Don't miss this exciting evening!

Celebrate Earth Day at Lake County parks

Your Lake County Parks and Recreation Department invites you to celebrate Earth Day this year by helping with spring cleaning at one of the parks listed below. Park staff will be on hand to supply volunteers with trash bags and to direct you to areas where you can do the most good. Come anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, and stay as long as you would like.

Participating parks and locations are:

Deep River County Park, 941 0 Old Lincoln Highway, Hobart, visitor center parking lot

Lake Etta County Park, 4801 W. 29th Avenue, Gary, inquire at gate

Oak Ridge Prairie County Park, 301 S. Colfax, Griffith, building by fishing pond

Stoney Run County Park, 142nd and Union, Leroy, follow sign to maintenance area

Grand Kankakee Marsh County Park, 21690 Range Line Road, Hebron, cabin parking lot

Gibson Woods Nature Preserve, 6201 Parrish Avenue, Hammond, nature center

In addition to this special Earth Day cleanup, volunteers are always welcome to contribute their time and talents to the Lake County parks. Regular restoration work-days are scheduled for those interested in helping with natural area management. This is usually more strenuous activity, such as clearing exotic species or collecting native plant seeds.

Volunteers interested in restoration work may call 219/844-3188 for more information or come to one of the volunteer workdays listed below.

Saturday, April 20, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Oak Ridge Prairie, meet in parking lot before 9:40 a.m.

Sunday, April 21, 11 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Oak Ridge Prairie, meet in parking lot before 10:10 a.m.

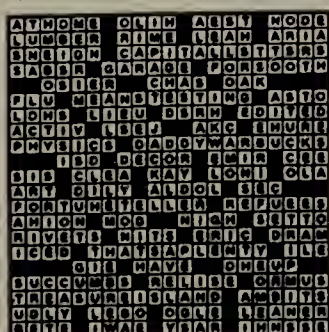
Gibson Woods Monday, April 22, 1 0:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m

Quote of the week

'Capitalism, it is said, is a system wherein man exploits man. And communism is vice versa.'

-Daniel Bell, 1919 -

Crossword answers



MEANS TESTING (37 Across) is used for persons applying for aid from public funds. The Persian city of ORMUS (120 Across), known at the time of the Mongol invasions for its wealth, was celebrated by John Milton in "Paradise Lost."

For crossword, see page 11

Gibson Woods, meet at Nature Center before 10:10 a.m.

New course offering

FALL SEMESTER, 1996
INTRODUCTION TO ETHNIC STUDIES
ETHN 100

T, R: 2:00 - 3:30 p. m.

CREDIT - 3; Prerequisite: None

The course will familiarize students with "cultural differences" and the role such differences play in a multicultural society. Students will be provided with general knowledge about racial and ethnic history.

The objective of the course is to engender an appreciation and understanding of various racial and/or ethnic groups.

Then & Now Car show Tech expo on campus 4/27

HAMMOND, Ind. - A blast from the past ... and the present ... and the future ... is in the offing when Purdue University Calumet hosts a "Then & Now" Car Show/Tech Expo Saturday, April 27, from 9 am to 3 pm.

The car show will feature collector and new models on display in the campus' north parking lot. Antiques, rods, street machines, 4 x 4's and motorcycles will be exhibited, as will alternative fuel vehicles provided by Northern Indiana Public Service Co.

The tech/expo will feature Purdue Calumet technology departments providing various attractions, hosting demonstrations and offering computing-related mini-seminars. Student senior projects and instruction in computer aided design (CAD) will be featured. So will sessions about the "Dos and Don'ts" of Home Remodeling and Construction.

"The main purpose of this show is to celebrate Purdue Calumet's 50th anniversary by demonstrating changes in technology over the past 50 years," said C. David Rose, head of the university's Department of Manufacturing Engineering Technologies and Supervision. Admission is free for both events, which are designed for individuals with specialty interests as well as families. Sandwiches, snacks and beverages are being provided by Strack & Van Tills supermarket. There also will be DJ music by The Musicmen.

"We think the combination of a car show and tech expo is not only appealing to Northwest Indiana and Chicagoland residents," Rose said. "But it also provides a unique way to focus on the technical advancements to which Purdue Calumet has contributed during the past half century..."

Purdue Calumet participating departments are: Construction Technology, Electrical Engineering Technology, Engineering, information Systems and Computer Programming, and Manufacturing Engineering Technologies and Supervision.

Other information can be obtained by contacting the Department of Manufacturing Engineering Technologies & Supervision at 219/989-2406.

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Chancellor of Academic Affairs.

The class involves student interaction, visiting campus facilities, and allows students to network with other people on campus.

Often students come to campus and find themselves being isolated and scared of the new campus. The class allows students a chance to familiarize themselves with the happenings on campus. There are no pre-requisites and the class sizes

Bone

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and Hodgkin's disease, but it is not limited to those. The chances of someone being notified about a match is 1 - 1,000 to 1 - 1,000,000. An individual has the greatest probability of being matched with someone of his or her own race. Out of the total registry, only six percent of the people are Hispanic and merely

five percent are African-American.

The actual process of donating bone marrow causes no discomfort. The patient is under anesthesia and after the process the feeling left is one that bruise would have.

Anyone that is not registered and it interested in being on the registry, can call 1 800- 63 CIRBC.

Men Lakers earn awards

BY RAYMOND LISKEY
Staff Writer

With the close of another season, the Men Lakers pass out their annual awards.

Matt Blower led the team by earning Best Free-Throw Shooter, Chancellor's Academic Excellence, and Most Valuable Player awards for 1996. Blower averaged 15 points per game and converted 84 percent of his free-throws. Taking the Most Rebounds and Most Improved awards was Scott Sparks. Sparks grabbed an average of 5.9 rebounds per game and led the Chicagoland Collegiate

Conference with a three-point percentage of .475 during conference games. Blower and Sparks were also selected for the CCAC all conference team.

Newcomer of the Year award went to Snake Harris. Harris averaged 13.5 points per game in his first year at PUC. Scott Basista earned the Best Mental Attitude award and averaged 1.83 blocked shots per game. Keeping high spirits earned Eric Culp the Pride, Hustle and Desire award.

In addition, Kristi Reynolds received the 4-Year Service award as cheerleading captain.

The Chronicle congratulates the winners of the MARCH MADNESS CONTEST

1st place winner of a \$100 gift certificate to Circuit City

Laura Berg won with her week #3 pick PURDUE

Runners-up and winners of 2 movie passes to Sony Theatres

Matthew Belko with his week #2 pick KENTUCKY

Nancy Coleman with her week #3 pick PURDUE

Faustino Jimenez Jr. with his week #2 pick KENTUCKY

Tracy Kavaky with her week #3 pick PURDUE

Wendy Swanke with her week #2 pick KENTUCKY

All winners need to contact the Chronicle office and arrange to pick up your prize.

The Chronicle would like to thank everyone who played MARCH MADNESS and hopes that you play again next year!

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Purdue Calumet attracts the scientists of the future

BY VICKY VALADE
Staff Writer

Remember being in the Science Fair and racking your brain to try to come up with some clever, yet scientific idea of how to grow mold, see what detergent worked the best and finally find those harmful affects of air pollution.

Purdue Calumet sponsored this year's 39th Annual Calumet Area Science Fair last weekend, opening its doors to all aspiring scientists. PUC allowed these students, ranging from ages 9 to 14, to strut their stuff and see if they could change the world of science.

Science has become an important aspect of society today. Where would people be without Albert Einstein or Marie Curie. These great scientists are responsible not only for improving science but improving tech-

nology as well

The projects ranged anywhere from design of magnetic field to how to stop the E-coli bacteria from reproducing. Not only were the projects interesting, but the students were as well.

"What color candy will kids choose to chomp?" was the title of 11-year-old Ann Klingeberger's project, in which she tested children ages 5 to 6 to find out which colored candy wrapper attracted the most kids. "I read about it somewhere and thought that it would be neat to try." The color wrapper most chosen was blue.

Another 11-year-old, Chuck Linsey decided that would be his project on the different ways one could recycle. Recycling is only done by a fourth of the world, according to Linsey, "recycling is easy and a great way to help the environment."

Some of these projects could even help certain journals like Consumer Reports. Clarissa Klingberg, a 13-year-old from Munster, entitled her project "Microwave Popcorn Pop Ability Test." In which, she tested over ten different kinds of microwave popcorn to decide which bag popped the most.

According to her results, the popcorn with the most "pop" was Healthy Choice.

The movie "Apollo 13" was the inspiration for 11-year-old John Allendorf to find out "How Was It Possible To Send A Man To The Moon." Allendorf's project described the important engines used to send astronauts into space.

The goal of a science fair is to get the students to participate in the workings of science and to learn a little in the process.



Photo by Sean Kingston

The 39th Annual Calumet Area Science Fair was held last weekend in the K-building. Students ranging from ages 9 through 14 were represented in the fair.

Workshop tells how to dress for success

BY RAYMOND LISKEY
Staff Writer

PUC's Office of Career Development and Placement sponsored a "Dress For Success" program on March 29.

Several speakers from the business world discussed appropriate attire for interviews and at the workplace. Formal and casual attire were both represented in the discussions.

"This program offers students guidance to prepare for the world of work," said Janice Golub, organizer of the event. She also mentioned that the program was originally designed for CO-OPS and interns of PUC, but it was expanded and offered to all students.

PUC student Alexander Veloira said that tips from the program will soon be put to use. "I just got an interview today. It [the program] gave me a few tips on how to look professional," said Veloira. Valerie Troppman, another PUC student, said, "This makes me more confident to present myself in a better

way."

To finish the event, five students modeled traditional and casual fashions from Kohl's, while the approximately 30 attendees watched.

The Office of Career Development and Placement offered programs last fall on interviewing and networking. This spring, there will be a program concerning dining etiquette. There are also weekly workshops on resume writing and monthly sessions on interviewing.

Office of Career
Development and
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Room C-349, SFLC
Mon, Thurs, Fri
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tues., Wed
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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CO-OP opportunities
Resume help
Career consulting,
resource center
Current students and
Alumni welcome

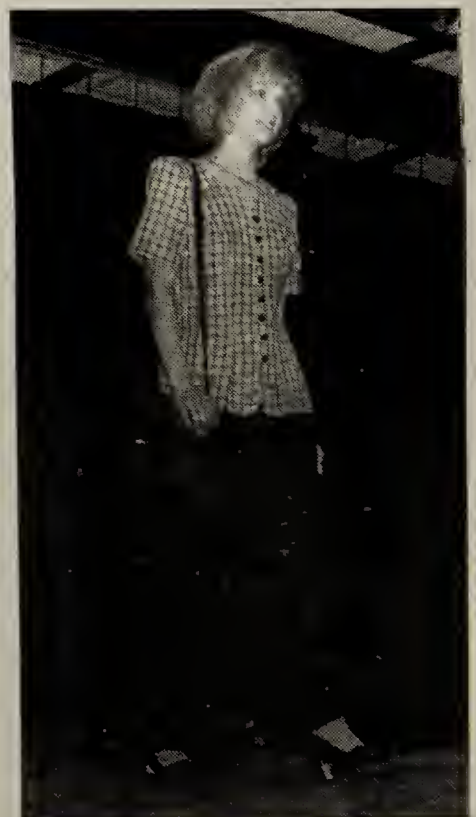


Photo by Gregg Leonard

Kristi Lovell of the Office of Career Development and Placement, models casual fashions during the workshop on 'Dress for success' which took place in Alumni Hall, Friday, March 29.

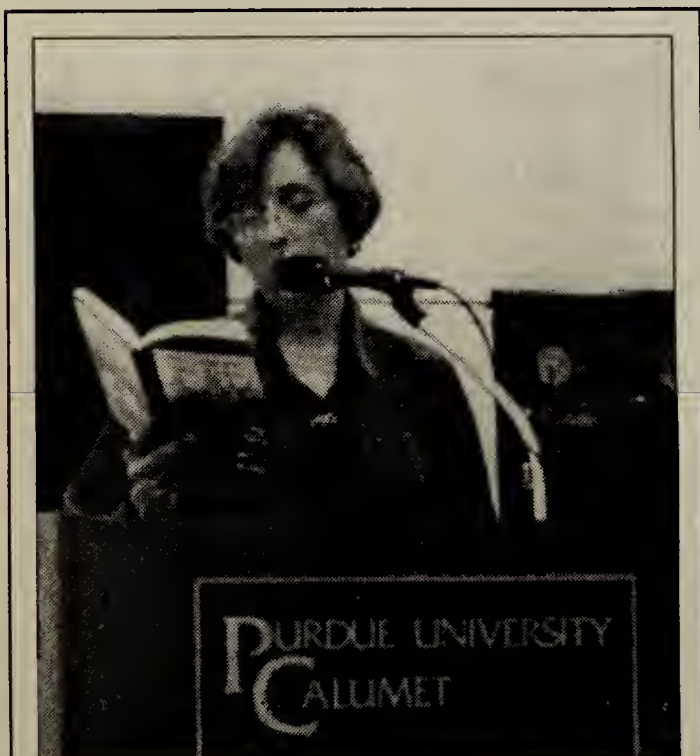


Photo by Sean Kingston

Speaking books

Barrie Jean Borich reads from her book, 'Restoring the Color of Roses,' which is on sale at the PUC bookstore for 10 dollars.

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GPA?

What's the deal SG?

Student Government elections are once again going to grace this university. And although the problem of last year, that being no one wants to run, seems to be solved, SG and President Thom Moffitt once again finds themselves in the middle of controversy.

Early last month (March 10), SG passed an amendment to the constitution requiring students to have a certain grade point average (GPA) to join SG. Doesn't sound like a big deal. But wait, there's more.

The SG in January changed the GPA requirements to 2.5 for Senators and 3.0 for officers.

SG posts an advertisement in the Chronicle every year promoting the elections (like the one you can find on page 11). The ads state the requirements to join. The Elections Committee of SG gave information for the ad that stated that the GPA for student senators was a 2.0. We received this from the Office of Student Activities early Monday. In trying to confirm the GPA, Chronicle staff received conflicting information. Tuesday afternoon it was brought to the Chronicle's attention that there was possibly a mistake. Never mind that the paper was already past deadline.

Unable to confirm the real GPA with any member of SG before printing or acquire documentation to confirm the changing of requirements, the Chronicle called the Student Activities Office for guidance. A secretary contacted the Director of Student Activities who confirmed the 2.0.

When the March 13 issue came out, Moffitt stormed into a Chronicle staff meeting demanding a retraction be printed and saying that the GPA was supposed to be a 2.2.

Now, let's recap to make this easier to understand. Student Government and Moffitt say they only want people with higher GPA's. The University says that GPA's should be lower so that everyone can join SG. Who are SG trying to exclude?

GPA? This is stupid. With the problems of getting qualified people for SG, you would think they wouldn't exclude anyone. Granted, you have to have a certain GPA to join certain honor societies here. We don't dispute this. But, do you have to have a certain GPA to buy a parking permit? Do you have to have a certain GPA to play intramural sports? Do you have to have a certain GPA to be a concerned, hard-working student leader on this campus? We think not.

Hey SG! Let's drop this GPA thing and have a totally open forum for students to be involved on this campus.

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Commentary by Scott Gonzales

Like a cancer grows

Is racism continuing to grow in America?

While vacationing recently I took my family to Florida. Packed the wife and kids into the Caravan and took off for Disney World. Along the way we stopped for lunch at a Perkins in southern Georgia. We waited twenty minutes for a table, though the restaurant was not particularly crowded. After we sat down, I was ignored by the waitress while she talked curtly to my wife. We waited a half hour longer for the tepid lunch to arrive but by then I was fuming by the way the waitress was acting toward me. My wife knew what was going on, so did I, but my kids just thought the waitress was slow.

It was then that I looked around at the other people within the restaurant. I was the darkest one there, and stood out quite well amid the pink, and pale complexions of the other clientele. It was then, while looking around, that I noticed them looking at me and my kids with much concern and some disgust. We left soon after.

Many of the same things have happened this year on this small regional campus, and if you haven't guessed it by now I'm talking about racism. One of the first things which got me writing for the Chronicle was the O.J. Simpson trial which divided a nation as well as the TV room on this very campus. Earlier in the fall

semester the Student Government hung up a racist poster which outraged various groups on campus, including the Black Student Union, Los Latinos, and Women to Women. The rage in some boiled over in the Race Forum, held in the same room that many watched the O.J. trial. Angry words and excuses flew haphazardly about the room that day. And now, just before spring break, a Hispanic student, the only minority holding a job in the Writing Lab, is fired amid innuendo and whispers of racism from a superior. It just keeps growing.

You'd have to be pretty blind not to realize that racism exists on our campus and seems to be here to stay. We haven't gotten any better at handling the problem of racism, we've just gotten quieter about it. Some agency on campus is looking into the matter concerning the Writing Lab. The fact that a race forum was held on the last day of classes before Christmas break and long forgotten by the time classes resumed in January, is important to note. What is important is the way that we look at each other and see each other. It appears some are seeing people as white women, black men, Hispanic men, Asian women, and Indian men. Some seem to be trapped in categorizing each other into groups and eth-

nocentricities which you would have thought out dated and long since passed. Exclusivity rather than inclusiveness. But racism just keeps growing.

And so it goes, here at Purdue Calumet, racism. Like a cancer grows. Our campus is like a little microcosm of the nation. It is easy to see why our nation has so many troubles, we can't even get our own shit together here.

"Why are we leaving daddy?" my daughter asked me as I paid the bill, "I'm not finished eating."

"We'll get something down the road, sugar," I replied.

I didn't want to teach her about what was going on in that Perkins that day, not quite yet.

In time I'll tell her about getting seated by white maitre d's to the table in the back of the restaurant, next to the slamming noise of the kitchen doors and bustrays. I'll tell her about the white security man of Carson Pirie Scott who followed me and my wife around the store from the minute we walk in to the minute we leave their fine establishment. I'll tell her about the things that have happened here, at Purdue Calumet, while I was going to school and getting an education here this year. I will tell her...before someone teaches it to her.

Guest Commentary by Regina Hurst

Natural born leaders?

Former SG President breaks her silence about the current situation with SG.

Do you ever wonder where leaders come from? I do. Particularly when I see them as less than ideal. How did they get to be a leader? Did they buy their leadership card at Sears? (no slight intended to Sears) Does one have to go through special training to be a leader? Just what is a good leader anyway? Yes, I do sit around and ask myself these questions, usually when I am mad or upset at some leader.

Recently, reading the Chronicle story about our own student body president being "ousted" from the Council of Faculty Delegates (March 6, 1996) I was left wondering where this leader came from.

I know that the average student might not think too much about the removal of our student representation, but being a past SG president and member of the Council of Faculty Delegates, I understood the ramifications.

The Council is the governing body of the PUC Faculty. It has the power and responsibility to propose or adopt policies, regulations and procedures intended to achieve the educational objectives of PUC. The meetings take place once a month and usually last

about 2 hours.

As student body president, you are given your chance to represent the student body by having a place on the agenda to present a report. The report can be about anything under the sun, but it is a good forum to bring up concerns (or complaints) that the student body has. It also can be a time to report on the activities of student government.

It is not asking for much. Two hours a month! But it is asking for someone to take the responsibility of doing it.

In an institution of 9000 students, I think that someone has to speak for them. I have always found the PUC administration and faculty are willing to listen to anything the student body has to say, providing it is in a format that they can hear and understand. Student Government is that format. SG is the voice of the students. The students need a good leader as SG president.

Which brings me back to my tirade on leaders. SG does not ask for experience.

They do not really ask for special knowledge or skills (except maybe

the skill to run a campaign). They do ask for guts and gumption to go out and lead the fight when it is necessary. They do ask that the people elected to office be committed to serving the student body as well as the office. They ask that a person has the time necessary to carry out the job.

Finally, they ask that if an elected person is no longer committed, interested, or available, that they step down and give others a chance. So no, you don't have to be a natural born leader to get the job, but you do need to display leadership skills to do a good job.

Regina Hurst
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and a
current
PUC grad student.

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Letters to the Editor



History is black and white

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to an editorial by Broderick Berry in your March 6 edition. The article, if I am summarizing it correctly, states that a white professor cannot give an accurate portrayal of African-American history. While this may be so, I would like to ask a pointed question for Mr. Berry. What exactly is the point of deriding the professor about his alleged ignorance about the plight of blacks in America when Mr. Berry's real beef seems to be with the socioeconomic system as a whole?

Mr. Berry wants to make an argument for the overt racism of

our educational system, and indeed he has a good point, but he fails to carry it through to its logical conclusion. African-Americans are not the only people that can be labeled "the masses." This is an interesting choice of words because he does use the argument that a communist would not be expected to teach the virtues of capitalism while a white professor is expected to teach about the virtues of African-American history.

I, for one, see great benefit in teaching the virtues of African-American history but I cannot see that it benefits either African-Americans, whites, or any other race to take that history and put it into a cubby hole. To use a phrase from Mr. Berry, how can this professor teach these lies to the masses? The answer is simple, when African-Americans and whites continue to fall into the trap of the "hyphen of the month;" i.e. women's history, Jewish history, black history, etc. then we are

only doing a disservice to all of us.

Whites and African-Americans can no more afford to stop co-existing side by side than Bosnians and Serbs can continue killing each other. The choices are clear, if we continue to separate our cultures in this country we will return to the days before the civil rights movement, when African-Americans were separated from whites by law. I will not stand before anyone and say that separation does not exist in fact. However, I will not stand before anyone and say that I will not stop trying to help my African-American students to understand their heritage and our national heritage.

If Mr. Berry is implying that African-American history is important to raise his fellow man up, then I only partially agree. I am simply saying that this smacks of voluntary segregation and I don't think that it is fair to deprive African-American, white, or any other

race the access to each other based on the premise that one race should be studied above the other.

Bill Vargo, PUC alumnus

More on Mr. Berry

This is in response to recent comments concerning "White Teacher, Black History" made by Broderick Berry, an undergraduate student and Lee Rademacher, a graduate student and PUC staff member.

It is my belief that both letters contained some aspects of truth. To recap, Mr. Berry was seeking education that was academically and socially relevant. It appears he was looking for an African American History course which according to Karenga (1993) "Shapes the world in its own image and interest giving it a human form and character in order to serve humans rather than threaten, deform or destroy them." Such a course would add to the richness

and beauty of human diversity and contribute to the overall effort of humans to transform the racist society, which is what relevant education is supposed to do.

The question Mr. Berry is asking seems to be - Can one who has been socialized by US racism be as effective in teaching the class as one who is aware of and has overcome this racism?

Being concerned about the situation is fine but it is better to be outraged and take action to bring about change. There are many roles to be played in the fight for the academic and social rescue and reconstruction of truth in African American History (and European American History) as a contribution to and indispensable part of the rescue and reconstruction of American Humanity. Self examination is the first step.

Dr. H. Rose Olagbegi Adesiyun
(nee Williams)
IDIS 270M Professor

Science illiteracy

As a guest of Purdue University's Founders Day festivities, Dr. Leon Lederman brought forth the seriousness of mathematics and science illiteracy at various levels of academia as well as among the general public and why it is essential that this problem be corrected. His message included a controversial approach to rectify these problems within in the school system and a message for parents. A basic reason Dr. Lederman stated why adults should be science literate is to enable them to make informed decisions and to participate in the changing environment.

According to Dr. Lederman, over 90 percent of the U.S. population is unable to answer fairly simple questions relating to the world and yet these people make decisions which impact the world. Dr. Lederman attributes this illiteracy in some part to television and the silver screen giving the population of the United States a

"wasteland" which occupies our time without challenging our minds.

To rectify the problem of mathematics and science illiteracy, Dr. Lederman advocates working with teachers to improve the teaching system in order to prepare children as soon as possible for what lies ahead when they graduate high school and step into society as a participating member of the population.

His suggestion to correct the problem is to start at the earliest possible levels, K-8 and even as early as preschool. Chicago public schools experience a 60-70 percent dropout rate before grade 12 and national exam scores rank among the lowest of the nation. Part of the problem lies in the fact that many teachers did not undergo mathematics and/or science education after high school and yet they are trying to teach mathematics and science to their students; the Teachers Academy for mathematics and Science was founded to deal with these problems.

The Academy features a comprehensive professional enhancement program for elementary teachers of grades K-8 by working with teachers and giving them approximately 150 hours of training. To date, approximately 17,000 teachers have participated in the Academy's program.

The Academy preaches a constructionist approach to teaching supporting a hands-on, inquiry method which was used in the schools but disappeared by the end of the 1960's. The Academy instructs teachers to change their teaching format from reading to the students to one in which students work in groups and approach the teacher with questions and the teacher helps the student arrive at an answer to his or her own question.

The downfall is a cost of approximately \$12,000 per teacher. But in the schools where this teacher "retooling" has already taken place in Chicago, mathematics tests show remarkable improvements, showing a correlation between retooling teachers

and increasing the students' scores.

Dr. Lederman stressed the importance of parental participation in a child's education. Parents need to spend time with a child to ensure that the child is benefiting from the classes and also to become involved with the school and with the teachers to ensure that the child is receiving a first-rate education.

There is always hope for a recovery from this academic setback. Dr. Lederman's statistics show improvement in various Chicago schools and test scores, but much more needs to be done and it requires the cooperation of parents, teachers, students, the school system, and the public as whole. When the public realizes the importance of teachers and the importance of a sound academic foundation, the world will be better equipped to handle the critical decisions which continually besiege us.

Kathleen Kowal-Swalek

Cuba

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you once again about the writings of Brian Jessen. It seems that Mr. Jessen's opinions are very popular these days in regard to Cuban-U.S. relations. Cuba, you see, is a real threat to our stability in the Western Hemisphere. Our security is threatened so much so that our pilots, commercial or otherwise, regularly venture into Cuban airspace. This, of course, proves that our government is the real threat here.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher was asked recently about the shooting down of this so-called civilian plane. His response was that this warning was sufficient enough and that if another incident occurs that the United States would have to respond with a strong, clear message. To me that sounds an awful lot like a bombing, much like Mr. Jessen suggested.

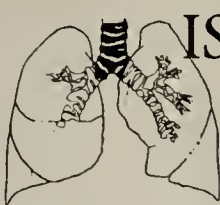
What this fails to recognize is that the actions of the Cuban government were justified -if indeed the Cuban dissidents were purposefully invading Cuban airspace. The plane was piloted by such a group, and I have no reason to believe that they were in Cuban airspace on accident. Let

me put a hypothetical scenario before the readers of this paper.

Let us assume that there was a group of people in this country that decided that they were not going to pay taxes to the federal government, in fact they were going to recognize their own government as the sovereign power. Further, let us assume that they have a large parcel of land in say Waco, Texas. What would the government's response be to this situation? What we have in Cuba is a situation much like that in Waco, a group of dissidents thumbing their collective noses at the Cuban government.

Did it ever occur to the press or to the people of this that the Cuban government has been harassed by these dissidents for decades and that, in fact this is almost encouraged by our government since Cuba is only about 90 miles from Miami, Florida. Miami it seems is the base of operations for many of these dissidents. Why not tell the whole story, the U.S. government would like nothing more from Castro than for him to lose his cool again so that they can beat him up and re-establish our control over another Latin American country.

Bill Vargo, PUC alumnus



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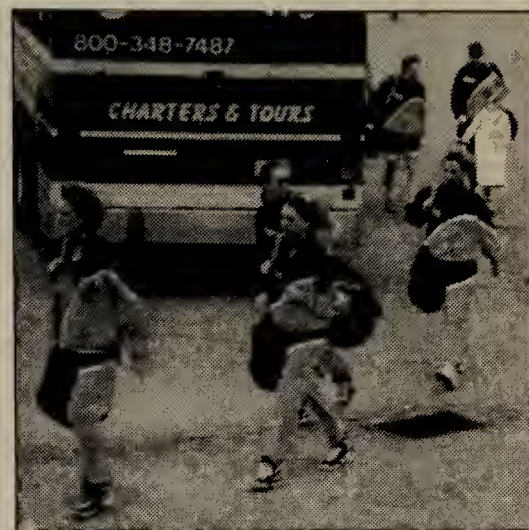
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The Lady Lakers are all smiles during a relaxing ride on a bus.

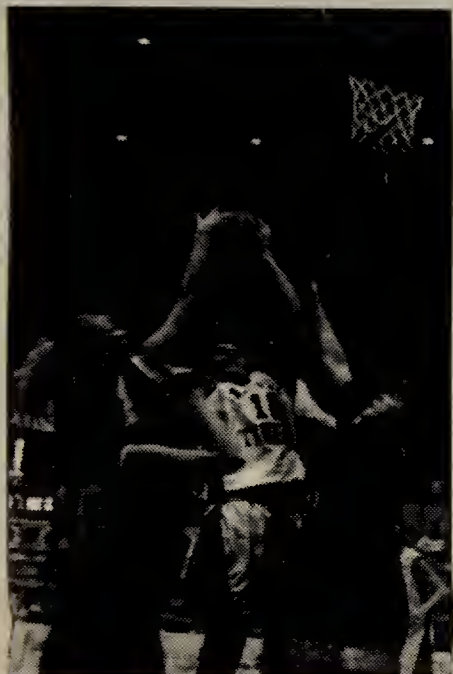
As their season progressed, the Lady Lakers climbed to a new level each game they played. After a perfect conference record and two consecutive post season wins, they won the privilege of representing the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics tournament in Jackson, Tenn. The stage was set, the players rehearsed, and it was time to dance...

SPECIAL COVERAGE BY RAYMOND LISKEY

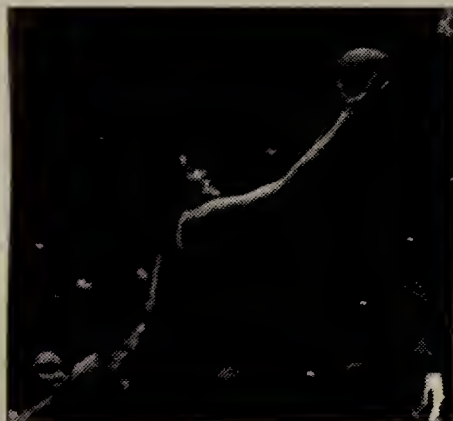


The Lady Lakers leave the bus to enter Oman Arena in Jackson, Tenn.

Together to the very end



The Lady Lakers leap to assist Tanya Popiela as she crushes the defender.



Jamie Muskin uses every ounce of energy in this lay up.

A lot of heart, soul and emotion is sometimes enough to win a big game. In their first attempt at a national championship, the Lady Lakers needed more than that as they lost 74-61 to Eastern Central University in the first round of the national tournament.

The Lady Lakers started off the game reaching for the stars. Senior Tanya Popiela tipped the ball to Michelle Russell, also a senior, who made the first basket of the game. This basket sent a message to the Tigers of ECU and the rest of the world: **WE don't quit.**

The Lady Lakers enjoyed a short lead as they scored again to go ahead 4-0. After two minutes of play, the score was tied at four. ECU then went on a 14-6 run for the next eight minutes.

During the first half, several fouls on senior Julian Luketic and Popiela put the Lady Lakers in trouble. In a two minute-thirty second duration, Luketic picked up her second and third fouls and Popiela picked up her second, third and fourth, two of which were questionable.

"She's [Popiela] been a smart player all year. I was really disappointed with that third and fourth call. It didn't look like she did anything," said head coach Gary Hayes.

Fifty-four seconds later, the Tigers had an eleven point lead. Four consecutive free throws by senior Natalie Shadowen brought the Lady Lakers to

within seven points at half-time. During the first half, the Lady Lakers averaged only .258 in total field goals and were 0-10 in three point attempts.

The Tigers shooting improved in the second half and they led by as many as 19 points. Although the Lady Lakers no longer had a tactical advantage, they fought back valiantly. Twice within the first two minutes of the second half, the Lady Lakers knocked the lead down to six points. While the field goal percentage of the Lady Lakers went up, they only shot 11-20 in free throws in the second half.

"We were stepping off the line before we were shooting the ball," said Hayes of the missed free throw opportunities.

"Our girls played hard the second half. We could have very easily folded up in this game. I was pleased with the way we played the last 10 minutes of the game," said Hayes of their effort.

Russell poured in 20 of her 26 points in the second half. "I think a lot of people today saw the

player in Michelle Russell that's an NAIA All American - if anybody is. She's probably one of the country's best kept secrets," praised Hayes.

Shadowen and Popiela both fouled out, but still scored 11 and 19 respectively. Freshmen Angie Jez came off the bench in the second half to nail a three and Jaime Muskin helped out by leading the team with 11 rebounds in the game.

"I've never coached a more together team than this."

'I think a lot of people today saw the player in Michelle Russell that's an NAIA All American - if anybody is. She's probably one of the country's best kept secrets.'

Coach Gary Hayes.



Lets get ready to rumble!



Freshman Jennifer Medley consoles senior Natalie Shadowen as assistant coach Scott Baker shares the same emotion.

Sports Extra

Inquiring minds want to know...

It baffles me when I hear conversations around campus that indicate that some people still don't know that PUC has an athletics program, including basketball. To remedy this pressing issue, let's listen in on a conversation between two people concerning the Lady Lakers...

Does PUC really have a women's basketball team?

Yes, PUC has a women's basketball team. Yes, they won their conference tournament. And finally, yes, they went to Jackson, Tenn. to play for a national championship.

What does this mean to me, an average, non-athletic student?

After canceling last season, returning strong and exceeding expectations, the Lady Lakers have earned national recognition. This publicity also places PUC on the map and as a result, the university has become more recognized. As athletes, sup-

ported by the university, the Lady Lakers also represent the school, the faculty and the people that attend the school.

Exactly how are they representing me as an average student?

The Lady Lakers possess great characteristics, not only as athletes, but as people. They have shown that hard work and determination pay off. They have shown how to remain intense and raise the spirits of others around them. They have learned the lesson of never giving up and believing in themselves.

Throughout it all, the Lady Lakers have proven that working alone doesn't always provide the best results. Relying on people that you trust is one of the most important things that the Lady Lakers demonstrated.

Didn't the Lady Lakers lose in Jackson?

Yes, they did, but even though they didn't win the national tournament, they still proved to be winners. Good sportsmanship was evident after the Lady Lakers finished the game against ECU. They could have been sad and moped

around for a long time, but they didn't. After a grueling first round loss, they still managed to keep their heads up high.

What happens next for the Lady Lakers?

The seniors will finish their education and begin their careers. The returning players will continue their studies and wait for next season. All members of the Lady Lakers will remember this experience forever, but they will also keep level heads and an objective view of everything around them. Life goes on.

"If there's any success again in the PUC women's basketball team, it's because of this team and the seniors. For two players like Luketic and Shadowen to have the year they did, it's an impressive situation." - Coach Gary Hayes

Players diaries from the tournament

BY JULIANN LUKETIC
Staff Correspondent

Mon., March 11

Well, my first thought of sitting on a bus for 10 hours was not a pleasant one. However, I was pleasantly surprised. We left this morning. We made our first stop in Effingham at a Steak 'N' Shake and after we ate most of us snuck over to the Nike Outlet behind the restaurant. Being women, we just can't help to shop. Coach Hayes wasn't mad. We thought he would be, so we all hurried back to the bus and took off again. There seemed to be an easy, laid back feeling throughout the bus. Everyone seemed happy almost as if it had not hit us where we were really going. As I looked around at everyone I realized how lucky I truly was. Some of the girls were playing cards, listening to their CD's, reading, or eating, me - taking in the moment. Then reality smacked me in the face. Suddenly life got real very fast. Before I knew it, we were slowing down because there was a huge accident. Everyone stopped whatever they were doing and a silence overcame the bus. We went from day dreaming to reality in minutes. Everyone got settled in their rooms, a few went out to eat and some went for a walk. Tanya & I were roommates, so we hung out and talked. At curfew (11 p.m.), everyone returned to their rooms and Coach Hayes called. He wanted to meet us in the lobby to meet our team sponsors. Greg and Terry brought us all kinds of fruits and juices. We have practice tomorrow at 11 a.m. and a banquet tomorrow night.

Tue., March 12

Practice seemed to go well, but we could only practice for an hour at a grade school where the floor was so slick. What I can't believe is that there were no practice facilities for any of the teams.



The Lady Lakers wait to make their big entrance.

We took lots of pictures, ate a good dinner, and were entertained by country singers. Needless

We all went to the mall in town and did a little shopping. It kind of feels like I'm on vacation, but I really know why I'm here. The banquet is tonight and I'm looking forward to it. The banquet was fun.

We took lots of pictures, ate a good dinner, and were entertained by country singers. Needless

to say, I was in Hell! But seriously, as I sat at the table and looked at all the girls I realized how much I love the game of basketball. It was overwhelming. I couldn't think of 11 other people I'd want to be with experiencing this. They showed a highlight clip from every team and I was very proud when they showed ours. When they introduced us and we stood up, I knew we belonged there. Coach Hayes had beat East Central into our brains and I know we're ready. I feel and believe we can win. Tonight, it has kind of hit me where I am at and the big picture of how we got here. I am not just happy to be here, I want to win!

Wed., March 13

We had some time to kill, so we had a watergun fight. Then we all went to the gym to see the game of the team we will play after we win. The gym was not as overwhelming as I thought. I sensed a mutual respect among all players here. We stayed for a while and went back to the hotel to get ready for a special NAIA ceremony. All the team members I spoke with were very friendly. Today after practice we all went to the Casey Jones Museum. This was a big deal for me being a big Deadhead. It was fun to do another team oriented thing. The day seemed to bring a little closer why we are really here. I was in awe when I was standing on the floor in my uniform. I felt so proud to be representing my school. But as I lay here in my bed writing this, the only sobering thought I have keeps coming back. Tomorrow could be my last game ever in my career: something that I love very much, something that has consumed my life since I was five.

Thurs., March 14

Well, it's finally here: the game, the goal I have tried to work for all my natural basketball life. I feel ready and prepared to play. I guess I'll see you after the game.

WE BLEW IT! I'M GOING TO GET REALLY HAMMERED! THAT'S ALL I CAN SAY ABOUT IT!

Julianne Luketic is a 5th year senior and reportedly didn't get really hammered.



The Lady Lakers dance the night away in celebration of all their accomplishments.

BY NATALIE SHADOWEN
Staff Correspondent

Wed., March 13

Well, today is the day before our big day. We ate breakfast together and everyone seemed relaxed. Being a senior, I knew this was a good sign. Being too tense before the game is the worst thing for a team. We went to a church where we practiced for about an hour. We went to the arena and watched a few of the teams play. Being in the arena was exciting. I watched how my teammates made mental notes of everything that was happening around them. Inside the arena everything was basketball oriented of course, but what made it seem even more important was that the whole city of Jackson seemed to revolve around the NAIA tourney. Our sponsor, Porter Cable, took us out for some pasta. Even at dinner, I could see the game ahead of us was right around the corner. I still didn't notice any stress on my teammates' faces which made me feel confident. Lights were out at 10 p.m. Our day was coming fast.

Thurs., March 14

We ate breakfast once again together as a team. Some faces showed a little stress, which I guess was normal. Game time: A few of us were too tight before the game. I still think that affected our play in the first half. When we were entering the arena, inside the tunnel, it felt different. Second half: The locker room spirit was one I've seen before. At that time,

I really thought we could come back in the second half, but our foul trouble kept us from that. It really was the turning point in the game.

Afterthoughts:

We all felt the loss in our hearts, but after many tears, we know how far we had come. The coaches made great speeches reminding us how we had evolved. I've never played on a team with a better group of athletes and friends. I love these guys and I'll never forget them, and I wish them well.

Natalie Shadowen is a 5th year senior on the Lady Lakers.



Seniors Tanya Popiela and Natalie Shadowen (34) realize this is the end.

Oh what a night!

BY STACEY MILCH
Staff Correspondent

What an experience it was to be among the top 32 teams in the nation! Our team took part in several special activities in Jackson. There was a "Parade of Champions", where all 32 teams spelled out NAIA together while they were being introduced. It looked spectacular from up in the stands. We also went to a nice banquet where each team was introduced, highlights from the season were shown, and a team photo was taken. Even the mayor of Jackson attended.

The team practiced for an hour on Tue and Wed. We also watched a game on Wed before our big day on Thu. Game time was 2:15 p.m., and the team only got 10 minutes to warm-up before the game.

There were a lot of spectators to watch our game including family members and friends, our athletic director, and our vice-chancellor. We had a good 25 fans there, which was excellent! Those parents and friends have been there all season for our team. It was great to see them make the trip to Tennessee to cheer us on.

Although we didn't come out on top as far as numbers are concerned, to me, we truly did come out as champions. We



Stacy Milch will be returning for her senior year.

had a team unity that was irreplaceable. We had an overall record of 27-5.

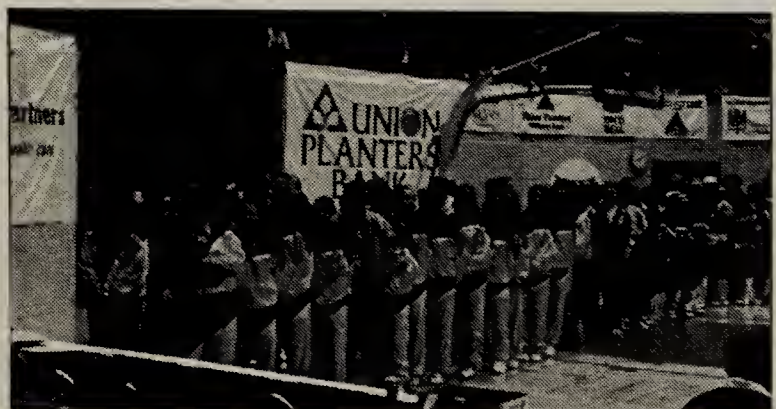
In the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference, we had a 10-0 record, were tourney champs, had three CCAC players, one

CCAC honorable mention and CCAC coach of the year! TRUE CHAMPIONS.

I am so happy that our team had so much success. After not playing last year because of the season cancellation, I was fired up to play this year, but then I hurt my knee and had to have arthroscopic surgery. I wish I could have been an active part of this year's team, but I still enjoyed the tremendous success during this season. Thanks for a great year.

I will be back for my last season next year, and I hope to continue the superb leadership and unity that held this year's team together. See you next season.

Stacy Milch is a junior on the Lady Lakers



The Lady Lakers line up with the other 31 teams to spell NAIA during the Parade of Champions inside Oman Arena.

Isn't it ironic that...

we can go from an under .500 team to no team at all to a winning team, and above all, a together team.

- Scott Baker

two top division players both left their school and ended up coming to the same school.

- Michelle Russell

the coach that recruited me at St. Joe's left my school & went to Michelle's school. She didn't like him, I left because he left, and we ended up here.

- Tanya Popiela

we went from having no season at all to having the best program in the history of PUC.

- Anjie Jez

we came as freshmen and the seniors thought that we helped them in practice, even though they're better than we were.

- Jennifer Medley

I was one game away from going to the nationals last year with the guys, and I ended up going with the women.

- Chris Adzia

people that played before like Julie and Natalie and then have these new people come together as a team.

- Tina Mudy

last year they didn't have a season and this year we won everything.

- Carrie Zapinski

the only time that I'm supposed to say some-

thing, I can't think of something to say.

- Brea O' Connor

we had a team function and I didn't have gas.

- Jaime Muskin

we almost walked away from something we love because it was turning out so bad, and it turned around and it was the best year we ever had.

- Natalie Shadowen

me & Tabby don't have anything to say.

- Amanda Stutler & Tabitha Beaumont

you can go from a zero to a 10!

- Stacey Milch

outside of Natalie, I was lucky enough to make 10 new friends.

- Juliann Luketic

Entertainment

Birdcage flies high

Birdcage has been a long time coming for me. It is a remake of one of my favorite 1978 French films "La Cage aux Folles," and the best comedy to come around so far this year. But does the credit go to Robin Williams' madman comedic parading, Mike Nichols direction or Nathan Lane's flamboyant performance as Williams' partner?

"Birdcage" is the story of a gay couple, Arman and Albert (Williams and Lane respectively), living peacefully in Miami and running a drag nightclub called "the Birdcage." Williams' son from a previous relationship, Val, comes to visit his father to inform him that he's getting married and his girlfriend's parents would like to meet him. Her parents, played with delightful uneasiness by Gene Hackman and Dianne Wiest, are right wing conservatives from up north who wouldn't look too kindly on a gay relationship much less understand one.

Williams decides to meet the parents much to his dismay, but now he's got to find a way to get rid of his highly emotional and eccentric partner Albert for the night. Or at least pass him off as a uncle or something. The trick is to just get through

the evening without the girl's parents suspecting anything is wrong and that Val comes from a solid normal family background. Albert decides to take it upon himself to dress in drag as Arman's wife, Val's mother. He dresses in drag every night in the club so what's the problem? Needless to say there are many.

Williams, the madman of comedy, doesn't disappoint in this film. Although you might expect him to play the overly stereotypical gay man, he doesn't. He plays Arman with cool, caring compassion, choosing to be a straight man for Lane's antics as Albert.

Nathan Lane may be unknown to many, but not for long. Lane's voice was used for Timon in "The Lion King," he has performed in many production on Broadway such as "Guys and Dolls," and is currently on Broadway in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." Lane said in a recent interview that he modeled his performance of Albert after Barbara Bush which in itself sounds funny. His performance is outstanding and hilarious.

Mike Nichols ("The Graduate," "Wolf") is one of our premier American directors and he proves it here with "Birdcage." He keeps the reins in on Williams while giving Lane all the slack he requires making both performances complement the other and in doing so makes the film a joy to watch. Teamed once again with ex-wife and long time collaborator of the '60's, Elaine May, Nichols and May bring an energy and comedic history to Birdcage. May's screenplay is bright and snappy but most



Photo courtesy of United Artists
Robin Williams and Nathan Lane sunbathing on the south Miami coast in their box office hit Birdcage, directed by Mike Nichols.

of all, it is funny.

"Birdcage" is one of the few films in which I laughed out loud in the theater, and laughed often. The outrageousness of the characters, the settings and the circum-

stances lend themselves well to the actors in this film. Both Lane and Williams take full advantage of them quite freely, making this one of the best comedies to come along in a very long time.



Video rewind



Do you know the seven deadly sins ?

Seven

New Video Release

Reviewed by Scott Gonzales

A serial killer is loose in the city and he knows all the deadly sins. He's basing his current run of killings on them. You know - gluttony, sloth, wrath, envy, greed, vanity, and lust. (I'm sure some of us broke a few of these this weekend.) It's a city where it's constantly raining. But because of this serial killer's recent murders, it's also raining down blood.

Morgan Freeman plays a cop named Summerset who is seven days from retirement and is trying to get away from all the filth and pain of the city. Summerset is very patient in his pursuit of his criminals, researching, digging, reading and learning how the criminal mind works. He thinks before he acts.

Enter David Mills.

David Mills, played by Brad Pitt, is quite the opposite. He's headstrong, emotional, and volatile. He has just asked to be transferred to the homicide division.

This confuses Summerset, who receives Mills as his new partner. "Who the hell would ask to be in homicide?" he

asks Mills. The first murder is when they meet.

Summerset and Mills don't get along at first. They disagree about the case and how to approach the killer; they disagree about most everything. The only thing they can agree on is that this killer must be caught and fast. To say the killings are violent is an understatement. In fact, they're uncommonly sick, so be warned. There's the lawyer skinned of a pound of flesh which is taken off his body and put on a scale. A fat man tied to the kitchen table and forced to eat until he literally busts his guts. A prostitute forced to have sex with a toy made by the killer's sick mind and you can guess how it is used on her. Greed, Gluttony, Lust - and there's four more.

Director David Fincher surprised me with this intense, taut tale of the criminal mind versus the legal mind.

His last film, "Aliens 3," was boring, tiresome, and tedious to watch, but he must have learned something since the filming of that movie and the filming of Seven.

The action is intense enough, but with Fincher's dramatic camera angles and his course moving and switching of scenes

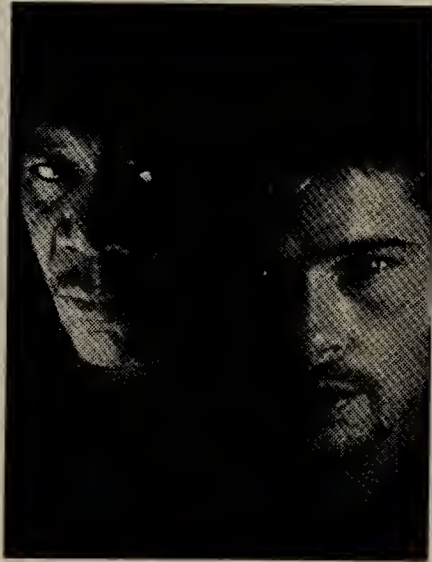
only makes the action even more pounding, more fierce. There hasn't been a movie of this genre this good since "Silence Of The Lambs."

Morgan Freeman puts in another award-winning performance as Summerset. He seems so relaxed and at ease in front of the camera. His portrayals are more real than anyone else acting these days. His cool demeanor is reminiscent of his role in last year's great Shawshank Redemption, which won him an Oscar nomination.

Brad Pitt is also good as the cop on the edge. He's been going from one solid role to another: from "Thelma And Louise," to "Interview With A Vampire," "Legends Of The Fall," and now "Seven." He's compiling a great body of films which only makes him more in demand than ever.

Brad's portrayal of David Mills in this film may seem simplistic and banal at first, but in the second half of the movie he turns in one of the most dramatic and strongest portrayals of the year.

I thoroughly enjoyed this film and the fierceness of it's action, story, and characters. Besides the previously mentioned stars and the director, this movie also has good supporting performances from



New on video 'Seven' starring Morgan Freeman and Brad Pitt.

Gweneth Paltrow, as Pitt's wife, and R. Lee Emmey, as the police captain.

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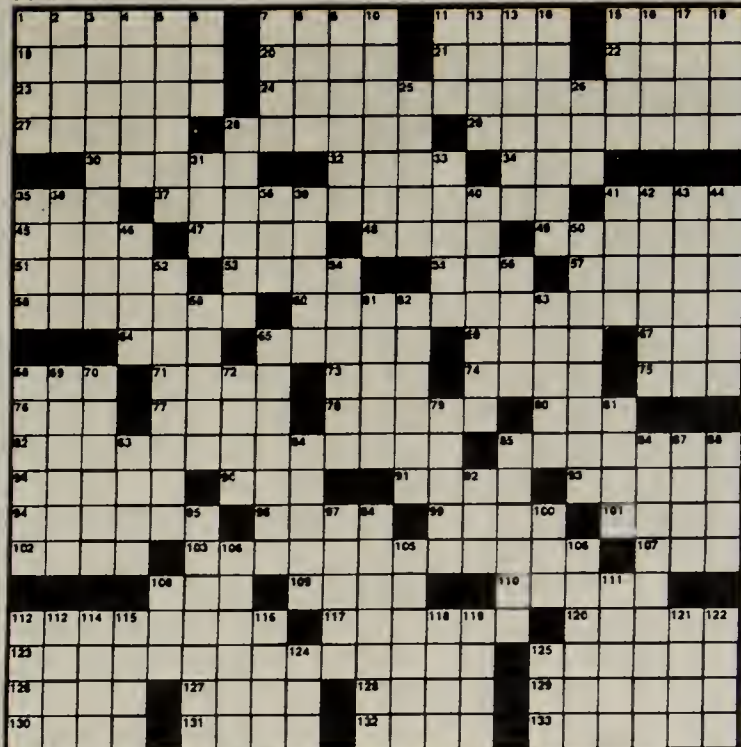
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Students paying more, getting less

BY REYNA LINGEMANN
NSNS Staff Writer

Both students and professors can agree on one fact: the cost of higher education is rising rapidly. But when it comes to the quality of education, experiences and views differ dramatically, depending on one's relationship to the educational system.

According to Frank Viggiano, director of the Minnesota State University Student Association (MSUSA), the quality of higher education in his homestate has gone down over the past 15 years while the price of tuition has risen more than 200 percent at state colleges.

"Every year we lose funding so they're trying to make up for that... through combining of graduate and undergraduate programs, and fewer professors (per number of) students," said Viggiano.

The association's present goal is to help students reduce loan debts and increase funding by Congress for Pell grants.

Gary Whitney, who also works with MSUSA, finds it frustrating that "in Minnesota, there is more square footage for inmates in prison than for students in dorm rooms. It's backward."

Students aren't the only ones concerned with the state of higher ed. Mary Burgan, a member of the American Association of University Professors, has been teaching at the university level for 30 years. Her positive opinion of today's students comes from experience.

"In the '60s, my students were not in good shape, they weren't motivated," observed Burgan. "Today students are much more serious, aware and sophisticated. They know that the world will be a harsh place for un-

educated people."

Burgan believes that students are not receiving the quality of education that they deserve. She said the increase in temporary faculty members is detrimental to the students, who often do not see a teacher for more than one semester or one class.

"Fifty percent of university teachers are temps," Burgan said. "It is academia's version of downsizing, and it is demoralizing."

At Georgetown University, sophomore Dan Leistiko is pleased with the quality of education he is receiving, although he does recognize some inherent problems with the higher education system.

"We need to be moving ahead," he said.

"We aren't up to par with where we should be in terms of diversity, not only in staff and students, but in curriculum ... (it's still the) Eurocentric mindset."

Students of the '90s want a quality education at an affordable price and are willing to fight for that right. In California, where the price of higher education has risen nearly 200 percent in the last 15 years, the battle for educational opportunities has been passionate. In a climate where affirmative action is overturned and educational outreach programs are threatened, student groups such as the University of California Student Association (UCSA) are working diligently on behalf of students.

Kimi Lee, executive director of UCSA, explains why her association continues to challenge the system. "Education is the key for the economy and the welfare of the people. By not giving education priority, we are asking for trouble in the future," Lee said.

Suicide prevention

BY LAURA LESINSKI
Marriage & Family Therapy Center Intern

Susan: I'm going to kill myself. I can't live another day knowing that he left me for her.

Sheri: Susan don't say that. I know you would never kill yourself. It's only a guy.

All too often conversations like this occur, when a suicidal individual is crying out for help and the plea is discounted. Suicide, unfortunately, is so common that it ranks as one of the leading causes for death among several different age groups. What these statistics indicate is that as a society, and more importantly, as individuals, we need to take conversations like Susan's more seriously.

Often when an individual threatens to commit suicide, friends and family members may be slow to react to the threat. They may believe the suicidal person really wants to die and they will not be able to stop them; or instead they may believe that the suicidal person does not wish to die and will not follow through on any threats. This relieves the burden of accepting any responsibility for helping the suicidal friend or family member. When people threaten suicide it is usually a plea for help. It could be that their problems are too heavy to handle or they may be lonely or depressed. Regardless of the issues, only the suicidal individual knows if he/she will follow through on the threat and our responsibility is to insure that he/she does not.

Another misconception about suicide is that suicidal people are crazy. The fact is although suicide may not look rational to some of us, to those who are suffering from severe depression, or severe pain or suffering, suicide appears to be the only possible alternative. What is important to remember is that a suicidal individual is already vulnerable. If you know someone who is suicidal, it is important to keep that person's best interests in mind and avoid passing judgments on his/her life circumstances.

Although people who threaten suicide usually tell at least one other person they are thinking about killing themselves, it is important to be aware of warning signs of suicide tendencies:

- a recent loss or death
- giving away prized possessions
- socially withdrawn
- lethargic
- unable to experience pleasure
- inability to concentrate
- speaks of death often

- crying spells
- weight loss/ weight gain
- dramatic change in eating habits
- increase in dangerous behaviors
- drop in school grades or work performance
- easily frustrated
- decreased sex drive
- extreme self-criticism
- increase in rebellious behavior

The aforementioned warning signs may be some indications that someone you know is thinking about suicide. However, the most common warning sign is direct communication. When a friend explicitly mentions suicide, it is essential that you take his/her threat seriously. Taking a suicide threat seriously means that you listen carefully to the suicidal individual and acknowledge any feelings of hopelessness or helplessness. Next ask the suicidal three important questions regarding the When, Where, and How of the suicide act. If the method is lethal and readily accessible, you may need to get immediate help. Either call a suicide hotline or take the suicidal individual to a hospital. If the person talks about suicide but does not have a plan or a means to commit suicide he/she may be depressed and need a professional counselor. However, if the suicidal person is in immediate danger of harming him/herself or if you are unsure of what to do, call a suicide hot-line, or a professional who can advise you further. Most importantly, do something! Purdue's Marriage and Family Therapy Center has therapy interns available to work with clients who are depressed and have thought of suicide; call 989-2027.

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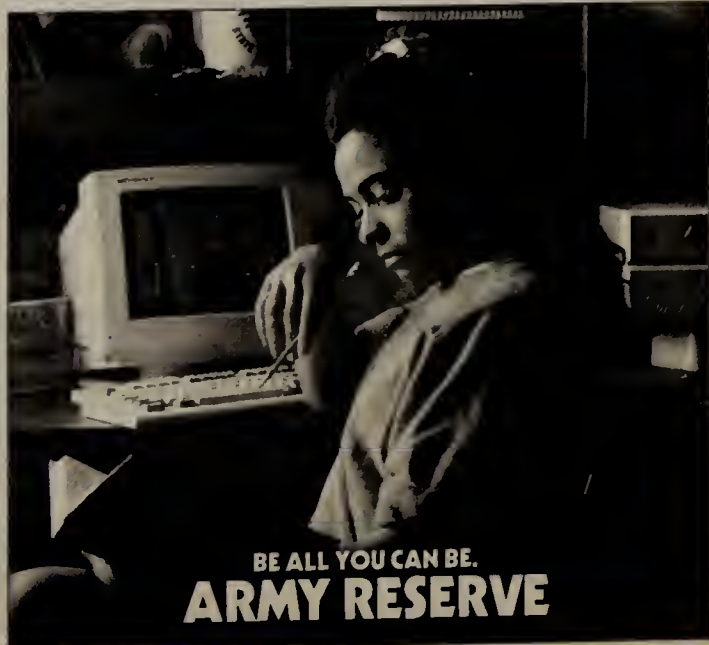
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Upcoming events

Career awareness day presentation

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Friday, April 19, 1996
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Wyndham Ballroom
Wyndham Milwaukee Center Hotel
Milwaukee Wisconsin

Free workshop on service learning

This workshop is designed for student teachers but would benefit all interested in service learning and the K-12 curriculum.

Friday, April 12, 1996
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Traditions Room,
Old Library
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Indianapolis IN. Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus Institute

1996 summer internship program in Washington DC
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Important dates:

March 25 - petitions and applications will be available in the Office of Student activities.

April 10 - filing deadline for all candidates. All application materials, i.e. application, petition, and candidate photo, should be handed into the Office of Student Activities, C-339.

April 22-23 - Introduction of candidates at noon in C100

April 24-25 - Elections will be held.

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DEADLINE for filing is APRIL 10 at 5:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Why the feds are late processing financial aid requests

by Mary Ann Bishel
Director of Financial Aid

(1st of a 2-part series)

Many of you have read or heard recently about the delays experienced by the U.S. Department of Education in processing 1996-97 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms. The delays in processing are a nationwide concern impacting colleges everywhere.

Reasons for the delays

The major reason for the delay is the 21-day government shutdown which impacted data entry and testing of the system. In addition, there also have been unexpected software and hardware problems with Department of Education contractors responsible for processing the forms. This has had a direct impact on the processing of the paper FAFSA and the paper Renewal FAFSA. The electronic version of the FAFSA has not been impacted.

The U.S. Department of Education already has taken the following steps to ensure that FAFSAs are processed on a timely basis:

- technical problems have been corrected,
- supplemental worksites have been added,
- additional employees have been hired and
- FAFSAs are being processed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Back on schedule

Those steps were expected to clear the backlog and bring the application processing system back on schedule by this week. FAFSAs are being processed in order of their receipt. The normal processing time for a paper FAFSA is 14 days for results to be sent to a student. Expected Department of Education completion dates for processing paper FAFSAs are as follows:

If received between Jan 1 and Jan 30: March 25

If received between Feb. 1 and Feb. 29: March 31

If received between Mar. 1 - Mar. 31: April 15

In response to concerned families the Department of Education has increased the capabilities of the Public Inquiry Contractor (1-800-4FEDAID). The public may call the 1-800-4FEDAID toll-free number between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. to check the status of application processing. In addition, the department's application status service (1-319/337-5665) has been doubled in order to provide callers with status information.

Students who have not...

...yet applied for 1996-97 financial aid are encouraged to apply electronically via FAFSA Express software to reduce delays. This software is available at the following campus locations: Upward Bound (C-345), McNair Program (C-335), Educational Talent Search (W-202), and the Office of Financial Aid (G-45).

If you have questions or concerns, stop by the Financial Aid office (G-45), phone us at 219/989-2301 or e-mail us at finaid@calumet.purdue.edu.

Next week's column will update you on the status of state and campus-based aid.

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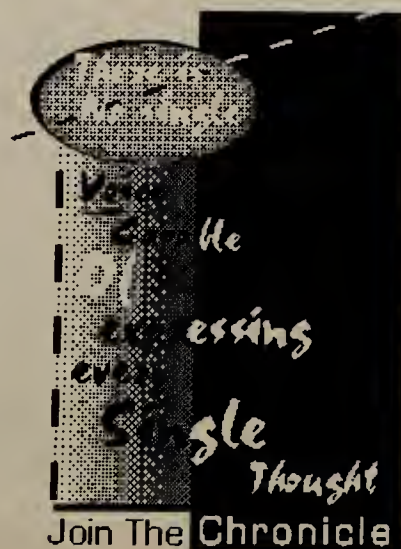


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